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SUBJECT: ZB-75-0002, RAFAEL IGURAN

REF: CARACAS 3739 AND 3834

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 4 P.M. ON 4/10/75 ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, H. DEAN PAULUS, RECEIVED TELCON FROM CONSUL GENERAL HARRY LOUFTON FROM THE ISLAND OF CURACAO. CONGEN ADVISED THAT THE PENDING INVESTIGATION COULD NOT GO FORWARD AT THIS TIME.

2. CONGEN STATED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THE RECEIPT OF CARACAS 3791 HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF CURACAO RELATIVE TO OBTAINING AUTHORIZATION FOR DEA AGENTS TO ENTER THE NETHERLANDS, ANTILLES WITH WEAPONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS INVESTIGATION. NOT BEING ABLE TO REACH THE MINISTER, THE CONGEN STATED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED CARACAS 3791 WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CURACAO. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ADVISED THAT THIS WAS AN "ILLEGAL ACT" AND THAT ONLY THE MINISTER OR HIGHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY COULD GIVE SUCH AUTHORIZATION.

3. CONGEN THEN ADVISED ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, H. DEAN PAULUS, THAT HE COULD NOT APPROVE THIS OPERATION UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE MINISTER AND HAD

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RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE GONA.

4. AT APPROXIMATELY 5 PM THE CARACAS REGIONAL OFFICE RECEIVED
TELCON COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONER JOHAN OLDENBOOM FROM
CURACAO STATING THAT THIS INVESTIGATION WAS IN A "MESS".
COMMISSIONER OLDENBOOM STATED THAT HE WOULD NO LONGER COOPERATE
WITH DEA AND THAT DEA'S ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN TERMINATED ON THE
ISLANDS. THE INFERENCE DRAWN FROM THIS STATEMENT INDICATED THAT
COMMISSIONER OLDENBOOM HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY HIS
ASSOCIATES ON THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE REFTELS.

5. IT IS PLANNED THAT ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR PAULUS
AND SPECIAL AGENT JOHN GUSEMAN WILL TRAVEL TO CURACAO ON THE
MORNING OF APRIL 11, 1975 TO DISCUSS THIS SITUATION DIRECTLY
WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL AND OFFICIALS OF THE NETHERLANDS,
ANTILLES. THE CONGEN IS REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS
WITH THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, ATTORNEY GENERAL AND COMMISSIONER
OLDENBOOM FOR THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 11TH. DECONTROL PERMISSIBLE
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